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■ INSIDE

TOWN COUNCIL BACK TO WORK

Pelham town council returned to a full agenda Monday in its first major meeting since the Oct. 25 municipal election. It found market directed breaks in tendering but not in insurance premiums.

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■ PARADE: Hundreds watch 13th annual

Mild Saturday greets Santa and Mrs. Claus



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Santa and Mrs. Claus greet parade goers in Fenwick to put a whirl into the season for youngsters of every age. The parade is organized by the Pelham Santa Claus parade committee and the Fenwick Lions Club.

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — The weather co-operated with organizers of the 13th annual Santa Claus parade.

A mild December afternoon brought out hundreds of children and their parents to watch more than 30 parade entries escort Santa and Mrs. Claus through Fenwick.

Co-ordinator Fred Disher was delighted with the weather as he and his assistants shepherded floats, marchers, dogs and ponies into position on Balfour St. and in the parking lot of Bethany Christian Reformed Church.

As the parade started to move just after 1 p.m. he had one concern.

Where was the E.L. Crossley marching band?

The question comes up almost annually because the band plays two gigs on the same day.

In the morning, it marches in a major Christmas parade in the old town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Then it hops on a bus for its hometown parade in Fenwick.

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■ **COUNCIL:** Library director apologizes for sign

Market conditions work for and against town council

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

Town council had a pleasant surprise from an engineering tenders, a not so pleasant surprise from insurance costs as well as a plea of forgiveness.

In its first major meeting since the Oct. 25 municipal election, council's business stretched late into the evening Monday.

In pleasant surprise came from two tenders for engineering studies for a reconstruction of Station St. and future work on Pelham St. between Quaker and Port Robinson Rds.

In each case, town staff estimated a cost of \$500,000.

For the Pelham St. project, which called for designs of a storm water collection system, new watermain from Pancake Lane to Quaker Rd. and sidewalks on each side of Pelham St., the winning tender by Associated Engineering came in at \$99,594. Two other quotes were for \$180,052 and \$244,352.

For the reconstruction of Station St. from Regional Rd. 20 to Port Robinson Rd. and Port Robinson Rd. from Pelham St. to Station St., Kerry T. Howe Engineering Ltd. won the job with a \$87,080 bid. Two other bids were for \$67,612 and \$112,171.

Plans will include a new storm water collection system, new watermain, new sidewalks, completion

of missing links on the Steve Bauer Trail and a potential traffic round-a-bout at Station and Port Robinson.

The designing project for Pelham St. is expected to be done by January 2012 and for Station St. in October 2011.

"We had projects estimated at \$1 million come in at less than \$200,000," said Kelly Walsh, director of community and infrastructure services.

Staff were so surprised that they called the low bidders to make sure they hadn't forgotten something, he said.

"They hadn't, apparently we're benefiting from market conditions," Walsh said.

But the market is not working so well in the insurance area.

Frank Cowan Co. Ltd. told the town renewal of its insurance will cost \$68,000 more this year.

Ward 3 Coun. John Durley said that was a 22% increase over last year's premium looked excessive.

Treasurer Carl Pupo said the town contacted a local broker to ask for quotes from other companies to see if a better rate was available.

She said Frank Cowan said the increase was due to "changes in the market to insurance claims and awards."

In other business, library director Stephanie Stowe apologized to town council for the library erecting an electronic sign on the side of the Fonthill branch without a permit.

The library had applied

for a minor variance to the sign bylaw but did not receive approval when it put the sign up recently.

Stowe said the library had just forgot about the variance and went ahead. She would be willing to take it down if council wished.

Planning director Craig Larmour said the sign conformed with the sign bylaw except that it wasn't high enough off the ground. To conform it would have to go on the roof, which is unappealing.

He supported the application for minor variance.

Durley questioned the procedure of putting up the sign and then asking for variance.

"Joe Blow couldn't do this but the town can," he said.

Ward 1 Coun. Larry Clark said local businesses have to comply with the sign bylaw. It will now be difficult for the town to enforce it.

Ward 2 Coun. Gary Accursi asked if a private citizen would get the same consideration as the library.

Chief administrative officer Martin Yarnich said ordering the sign to be taken down and moved would just end up costing the taxpayer more money.

Normally a minor variance is granted to anyone if the variation does not radically alter the intentions of a bylaw, he said.

Town council granted the library the minor variance.

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Clare Benson, whose Christmas card design appears on the front of the Town of Pelham's official holiday card, receives a copy of the card and a certificate from Mayor Dave Augustyn. Other winners, whose entries are inside the card, are Celine Galizia, Maya O'Donnell, Emma Avolio, Ryan Power, Alexis Cioffi, Kristen Goossen, Davin Woodhouse, Ceara Obdeyn and Jorja Ugulini.

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■ PARADE

Christmas parade rolls through Fenwick



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Karen Kawa and her brother Joseph Kawa take position for the start of the 13th annual Santa Claus Parade in Fenwick. They led the parade through Fenwick to Centennial Park.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Fire trucks play a big role in the Pelham Santa Claus parade. This unit carries family members for the Shorthills Fire and Rescue association at Pelham Fire Station No. 3 in North Pelham.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Popeye carries the Good News on his ship HOPE during the Pelham Santa Claus parade.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

E.L. Crossley Secondary School's marching band scrambles into formation in the assembly area of the Pelham Santa Claus parade after units started to roll. It's the second parade of the day for the band. It had one in Niagara-on-the-Lake in the morning. The bus carrying the band was delayed by traffic in Niagara-on-the-Lake.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Santa's elves distributed candy along the route of the 13th annual Pelham Santa Claus Parade in Fenwick.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

The E.L. Crossley Secondary School marching band's drumline pounds out the beat to bring Santa and Mrs. Claus to Centennial Park in Fenwick.

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They pretty well always make it but it's often close. On Saturday, traffic in Niagara-on-the-Lake held up the bus full of band members and their

equipment.

They arrived after the parade started to roll. Poured off the bus. Formed up quickly and took their position in front of Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The parade rolled through Fenwick along Canboro Rd. to Church St. and finally Centennial Park.

Elves, Santa's helpers, Lions, firefighters and politicians handed out candy

throughout the parade.

Pelham Fire Department showed off equipment from all three stations as well as its antique unit. Church groups reminded watchers of the traditional role

of Christmas. Youth groups joined the show. And businesses gave their customers a seasonal greeting.

In Centennial Park following the parade, Santa and Mrs. Claus chatted with

children while the Fenwick Lions Club provided hot chocolate, food and entertainment.

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EDITOR

Street party planned

By next spring or summer, you'll be ready for a street party.

Pelham town council's general committee gave the nod to a street opening festival next spring or summer. It will celebrate the completion of Pelham St. in downtown Fonthill. The reconstruction work should be over by then. Similarly, the residents of Taish St. will want to pour down the hill to party too.

The general committee Monday referred a report to council's budget committee to consider the estimate \$5,000 contribution from the town.

Last spring, the Pelham Active Transportation Committee planned to break a street opening festival before reconstruction began.

Work crews beat them to the street.

A street festival would tie in with an international promotion by the World Health Organization. Cities around the world are encouraged to close streets to traffic to promote physical and mental health activity, said community services manager Yekie van der Merwe in a report. It is an opportunity "for people to enjoy exercise, music and being outdoors with friends and neighbours, local businesses can enjoy increased business sales and all can enjoy the sense of community the day will bring," she said.

For the local party, the active transportation committee wants to work with the Pelham Business Association to create a daylong car-free zone to promote healthy lifestyle. It could involve a music concert, fitness classes, club displays and demonstrations by local businesses. Businesses can open their doors and possibly stage a sidewalk sale.

Meanwhile as the snow flakes, we'll all watch the progress on Pelham St. and Taish St. Who does the snow clearing on the streets under construction will depend on how many flakes fall. If they're measured in feet, the town will do it. It's closing, construction crews will brush it away.

■ PELHAM CARES DONATION



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo
Mike Prout of Lampman's Furniture presents a cheque for \$1,000 to Colleen McCarthy of Pelham Cares. It's the sixth year the Fenwick furniture store has assisted the local social service agency. McCarthy said regular donations like Lampman's are appreciated because the demands for services such as the Pelham Cares' food bank are increasing. "We have more families with bigger needs," she said.

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Letters to the editor

Food drive says thanks

On Dec. 4, we held our annual Pelham Food Drive, and what a success it was.

We had hundreds of people of all ages and walks of life assisting with the collection, sorting and packing of food and personal care items. Many families have made this an annual Christmas outing and their way to kick off to the holiday season.

There was a strong presence from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 613 cadets, boy scouts, cubs, church youth groups and school students looking to earn their volunteer hour credits.

What was really evident during this food drive was the sense of co-operation and sharing. The Salvation Army shared with Pelham Cares their space at the old Canadian Tire building on Niagara St. in Welland so the food could be sorted and packed prior to taking it back to Pelham

Cares office in Fonthill. Some of the food was also delivered to The Salvation Army, Hope Centre and Open Arms Mission as these groups offer hot meals to the needy which is a service not provided by Pelham Cares. It is wonderful to see these groups sharing their resources to meet the needs of hungry people no matter if they live in Pelham or Welland.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following sponsors for their ongoing support of the Pelham Food Drive: Allan Crowe, Bee Line Signs of Welland, Blue Star Restaurant, Welland, Clare's Cycle Sports Ltd., Country Corner Market, Century 21, Elminster's Laminated Art, Fenwick Firefighters, Fenwick Lions Club, Fonthill Lions Club, Fonthill Kinsmen Club, Fonthill Rotary Club, Fonthill Sobey's, Keith's Restaurant, M.T. Bellies Tap and Grill House, North Pelham Avondale, RBC Royal

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It was also easier for people to identify food drive workers as Mr. Furnace provided bright yellow T-shirts for 200 volunteers. In addition to collecting a mountain of food this event has generated over \$900 worth of food gift cards and cash donations to date with the final total not yet completed.

It is impossible to thank every one individually for the help they provided but, please know, we would not have been as successful as we were without the support of each and every one of you.

We wish you all a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Gerry Berkhout and Dawn Butler
Pelham Food Drive Committee
Pelham

How should we spend your money in 2011?

Do you have a suggestion on how the town should spend your money?

What are some specific things that you think the town should do or things that we should stop doing? How can we make Pelham a place to live, work, grow, and play?



Dave Augustyn
MAYORAL VIEW

I am very proud that our new council agreed to continue with the practice (started by the last council) of inviting you and your neighbours and friends to get involved in the town's budget.

Council began that process last week with a special public meeting where we listened to the public about any spending or town issue. We referred the community's input for consideration as staff prepares the budget for 2011.

Council first started this type of a "pre-budget consultation" in January 2007 for the 2007 Budget.

In subsequent years, we had special meetings in late-October for the following budget year.

This year, we delayed the process slightly because of the Oct. 25 Municipal Election.

However, I am very excited that we are undertaking this consultation process again.

It is so important to hear directly from you about your needs, wants, and ideas.

Our town improves when more and more people become involved in its success!

Council recently adopted this budget schedule:

Pre-Budget Consultation - beginning Dec. 6;

Draft Capital Budget Available to the Public - Jan. 21;

Draft Capital Budget Presented to Committee - Jan. 24;

Council Approve Capital Budget - Feb. 7;

Draft Operating, Water & Sewer Budgets to Committee - Feb. 28;

Council Approve Operating, Water and Sewer Budgets - March 7.

Now, I know that the date for the public meeting has passed.

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■ CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD INAUGURAL



KAEsha FORAND Staff Photo

Pelham, Lincoln and Grimsby trustee Father Paul MacNeil declares his oath of allegiance with education director John Crocco and Bishop Gerard Bergie during Niagara Catholic District School Board's inaugural meeting Tuesday night at St. Michael High School in Niagara Falls.

■ AUGUSTYN

Many ways to have your say on the town's operating budget

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But, you can still take the opportunity to offer your suggestions on how to improve any of our town's many service areas: fire protection and prevention, building and bylaw enforcement, animal control, roads and sidewalks, water and sewers, winter control, planning services, library services, and parks and

community services. It's easy to do! Just simply send a letter via e-mail to a special e-mail address: ourbudget@pelham.ca. You can also view background budget information at the Town's website: www.pelham.ca. Not Internet savvy? You can also provide written comments via normal mail c/o Town Clerk, Town of Pelham, 20 Pelham Town

Square, P.O. Box 400, Fonthill, ON L0S 1E0. I hope to hear from you and I look forward to discussing your ideas so that we can build a better future for our town together.

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■ EDUCATION: Crossley draws elementary students

Drama class creates Children's Theatre

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

The drama class of E.L. Crossley has put together a hit for students from area elementary schools.

"We're pretty well sold out through this month and January," said drama teacher Jennifer Benson.

Students from elementary schools are bused in to watch the Children's Theatre production *Black Gold: A Tale of Clowns, Pirates and the Circus of the Sea*.

The play is created by the 17 Grade 12 students in the class building on research and growing out of improvisation.

The students interviewed elementary students to find

out what they liked. They watched news stories about the Gulf of Mexico oil tragedy and oil sands in Alberta as well as a David Suzuki film about the octopus. Then they worked in their favourite ideas.

In the end, they had to have a production that could repeat to class after class as well as perform for their parents on Jan. 13.

"It's not easy creating with 17 minds," said Benson. "They soon learn the art of collaboration."

"They really get a chance to develop a real theatre production."

Kelly Nori said as a student, you're surprised by the process.

"You know, you go

through the whole class and you don't think it's going to happen. Then, bam, it happens. That's probably the coolest part. We all feel proud of the show at the end because we are all part of creating it."

Nori said improvisation was the big challenge.

"We would be given a small outline of the scene and then improvise again and again and again until we got it right."

Emma Mann said there are messages in the play.

"There is the environment of course," she said, "but there is also a message of believing in yourself even if you feel like you're not fitting in. In the end you do fit in."

Nori is the one-person technical staff. She watches how the performances improve while she handles sounds and lights.

"You're like the mother hen. You're proud of what is going on in front of you," she said.

Spencer Van Wyck came back to school to take the course.

The Grade 12B student wanted the experience of doing everything in production; the acting, the lighting, the sound, the writing.

Van Wyck has professional acting experience in television commercials, bit parts and as a member of the cast in the 10th season of *Degrassi: The Next Generation*.

"I play a Grade 10 nerd called Wesley Betenkamp," he said.

The Crossley course gives him a chance to see all sides of production.

"I've helped write it, block it and do all sorts of things," Ryan Huckla loves improvisation, even to his character.

He changes his pirate mustache each time and switches his eye patch.

"I enjoy the improv side



WAYNE CAMPBELL, Staff Photo

E.L. Crossley Secondary School's drama course have created *Black Gold: A tale of clowns, pirates and the circus of the sea*. The students are performing the play in a series of Children's Theatre sessions for students from area elementary schools through December and January. A parents' night is planned for Jan. 13 with a \$5 admission charge. Students are from left Dustin St. Pierre, Ryan Huckla, Spencer Van Wyck, Emily White, Eric Blanchard, Donald McArthur, Emma Mann, and Holly Pettie. In front are Tyler Grant, Phil Hering, Cora-Lee Cardinal and Emily Post.

of live. You can't organize everything I try to mix it up every day."

He was part of an improv team that was performing at Laura Secord Secondary School Wednesday against

other high school teams.

Benson said the drama program is working toward raising \$7,000 to buy new curtains for the drama classes studio room. Right now it rents some of it.

In the class, she said the students have different strengths such as acting, writing, improvisation, physical ability and speech.

She plays up those strengths while developing their other skills.

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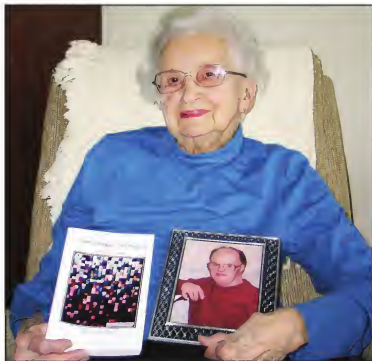
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■ **TRIBUTE:** Therapy over passing

Mother writes story of son with Down syndrome



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PelhamNEWS Staff

For Jean Brehaut, writing a memoir about her son Bruce, became a form of therapy.

"It helped me work through losing him," said the 91-year-old.

Bruce Brehaut, who had

Down syndrome died in January 2010 at age 60.

She is now selling copies of her book, *From Struggle to Success: Bruce's Story*, for \$20 to raise money for Community Living Wellingland Pelham.

"This is going to be Bruce's way of giving

back for all the support Community Living gave him," she said during an interview in her apartment at Lookout Ridge Retirement Community.

Brehaut will have a book signing at Lookout Ridge Saturday from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

In her book, Brehaut reviews attitudes toward people who have Down syndrome, a chromosomal condition affecting physical and mental development.

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WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Jean Brehaut, 91, holds a copy of her memoir *From Struggle to Success: Bruce's Story*. She will sign copies of the book this Saturday at Lookout Ridge Retirement Community on Highway 20 in Fonthill from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Proceeds from the \$20 book will go to Community Living Wellingland Pelham.



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BOOK

Kindness and cruelty shown to Brucie

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When Bruce was born in a northern Manitoba copper mining town, she was told by a doctor to put him in an institution and forget about it.

"Can you imagine being told to put him away," she said. "He gave so much, he loved to be cuddled." Brehaut with her husband, Bruce and daughter came down to Welland in 1951.

Her family and Bruce began working with Community Living just as it was building up its program in the 1950s.

Bruce lived with his family until he was 36 and then in Community Living homes.

Brehaut said she and her husband loved having him with them but became concerned about how they could care for him as they got older.

"Bruce was a hard worker," said Brehaut.

"You hear about families who spend tons of money putting their children through university and all they want to do is sit at home and do nothing."

He worked at Welland Packaging, a sheltered work centre that does contract work.

For a long time, he worked at Rose City Dodge cleaning cars and doing other chores. "He loved to work," she said. "He also loved to play jokes."

He had a talent for painting and art.

"Had his speech been

normal he would have done more," he said. "Bruce was a very special person."

Community Living helped him through schooling, work and other support services.

Brehaut, who worked part-time as a nurse at Sunset Haven while raising Bruce, in her book reviews both kindness and cruelty shown toward her son.

She recalls women who would routinely laugh at her struggling with her young son when she roared the trolley to their home on Hatter Avenue off Rice Rd. in 1950s.

"Children can be cruel," she said telling the story about a boy taking a new baseball glove from her son.

However, she said there were many people who showed kindness and patience. They helped her and her son when she travelled or needed a helping hand.

"It was very much a success," she said about the message in her book about the life of Bruce. "People should remember to keep on going. You don't know how things will turn out."

Carolyn Kyle of Life's Brocade, a Welland home-based business that assists memoir writers, helped Brehaut create the book.

"She had it all written out and put together," Kyle said the author organized skills.

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IMPAIRED DRIVING: New rules in effect

Police tell holiday drivers: 'plan ahead'

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will catch you."

Priest said drinking and driving can be pricey as well as dangerous.

If you drink and drive this holiday season, expect to face the consequences.

"Our aim is to prevent drinking and driving," said Niagara Regional Police Sgt. Cliff Priest, who runs the holiday RIDC campaign. "If we can't prevent it, then we

any licence suspension or offence notice will go on driving record, and may affect insurance rates, he added.

Police will continue to be on high alert for the rest of the holiday season, Priest said.

■ MITTEN TREE



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St. Ann Catholic School, led by its Me to We team, replaced its usual food drive with a mitten tree project. In about a week, students brought in mittens, gloves, scarves, toques and toys. On Friday they were passed on to the Pelham Fire Department, which is assisting Pelham Cares to prepare Christmas hampers. Some of the members of the Me to We team gathered around the tree. From left are Jessica Rimar, Holly Czuchra, Alexis Clout, Daniel Giguere, Kylie Riley and Ryan Power. In back are junior kindergarten teacher Jessica Mastrolanni, who co-ordinated the club, and school secretary Christine Dionne-Taylor, who suggested the mitten tree project.

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Physicians use specific guidelines in order to determine when to use medication to treat high cholesterol. Patients are classified into high, moderate or low risk categories depending on their likelihood of having a heart attack within the next ten years. Obviously patients in the highest risk category are treated most aggressively to reach specific cholesterol targets.

Physicians are interested in a patient's LDL cholesterol often called bad cholesterol. They also look at a patient's total cholesterol/HDL cholesterol ratio. The following is a chart of cholesterol targets.

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If you are interested in your cholesterol readings you may ask your physician for your laboratory results and your risk classification.

Cholesterol medications affect your cholesterol in different ways. Depending on what your cholesterol readings are, certain meds will lower your bad cholesterol. Others will raise your good cholesterol. Sometimes patients need to be on more than one medication. Medications called statins like Lipitor and Crestor work to decrease your body's production of cholesterol. Others like Zetia decrease the amount of cholesterol you absorb from your diet. In general cholesterol medications are fairly well tolerated.

Diet and exercise may help your cholesterol but dietary intake only accounts for about 10% of the body's cholesterol. The rest is produced by the body. This is an area where genetics plays a large role. Some over-the-counter treatments may also help. Niacin can be bought without a prescription and will help lower your bad cholesterol. Unfortunately it is not always well tolerated and can cause rashes and flushing. Fish oil, specifically Omega 3's, can help protect against heart disease and some of the negative effects of cholesterol. Of course it is always a good idea to check with a physician before taking any supplements.

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■ **MUSEUM:** Gift shop offers ideas for presents

Museum open house draws old and new

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

WELLAND – A daylong open house at the Welland Historical Museum brought old friends and new acquaintances Saturday.

Director Nora Reid said she had people dropping in who had not seen the museum before. She also had a couple who had not been in it since it moved from its previous site in the now demolished Queen Street School four years ago.

During the open house, the museum featured its gift shop for those looking for unusual Christmas items. Nanet Dickman made some of the jewelry she sells in the shop while chatting with visitors. She said she found it interesting.

Author Erno Rossi autographed copies of his books, *White Death: The Blizzard of '77* and *Crystal Beach: The Good Days*.

Everyone has a story about the blizzard and he heard a few from visitors. Rossi said he reprints copies of *White Death*, every couple of years and includes recent stories he heard about the blizzard.

The disaster continues to fascinate people, as he gets orders for his book and a



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Margot Fraser, left, and Rose Robertson of Pelham make their first visit to the Welland Historical Museum Saturday during an open house. Robertson said she remembers pushing her little sister in a carriage similar to the one on display in the museum's Days Gone By gallery.

DVD that is now available to accompany it.

Quite accidentally, Rossi became a fan of YouTube. Someone posted material from his book on a YouTube site.

"I didn't know what YouTube was when I first heard about it," he said.

"I was outraged at this breach of copyright. Then I started getting orders from everywhere," he said about the 275,000 hits his item received.

Gay Jurao Dairo, who was

making her first visit to the museum, said she liked the display re-enacting the Capitol Theatre.

Lyn Mewhiney liked the jewelry including a pair angel earrings. The open house featured the open house featuring the Niagara Handweavers and Spinners Guild. The members demonstrated their weaving in the museum's lower gallery area where the guild regularly meets.

The museum wrapped



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Jewelry maker Nanet Dickman, left, gets thumbs up from visitors to the Welland Historical Museum Gay Jurao Dairo, Raquel Goertzen and Lyn Mewhiney. Dickman sells her jewelry in the museum's gift shop. The museum held an open house Saturday.

up the open house with its annual Christmas concert. It featured the Old Plank Road, a band playing Celtic and Maritime music.

Following the open house, the museum will close to the public for six weeks while the city completes work on the exterior of the Carnegie Building.

Inside, the museum will renovate its storage area to bring it up to the most recent storage standards required by the Ontario Ministry of Cultural and Tourism, Reid said.

While the museum will be closed to visitors until the beginning of February, it will continue to offer its edu-

cational programs for local schools.

It has programs for students from kindergarten to Grade 12 that line up with provincial ministry of education curriculum.

For information contact the museum at www.wellandmuseum.ca or 905-732-2215.

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■ **ROWING:** Going for new votes

Crossley rowers high in online contest

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — E. L. Crossley rowers hoped local supporters would make a difference in an online contest for new rowing shells.

The rowing program was in the semifinals of the Aviva Community Fund contest with a deadline of this past Wednesday for the final vote.

The insurance company is offering \$1 million it will divide among finalists based on the size and ranking of the program.

Details on voting are at www.avivacomunityfund.org.

The Crossley entry, called Putting Youth in Boats, had more than 18,000 votes early this week putting Crossley high in the semi-finals. The final results were to be announced after presstime.

"The kids are so excited," said Kim Yallup, Crossley English teacher and rowing co-ordinator.

"It has brought the whole school together whether they are a rower or not. It's exciting to see the community spirit come out at Crossley."

The rowing program is big. It

has more than a 100 rowers in a school of about 800.

Part of it is the way the program is design. Everyone who signs up participates, said Yallup.

"We've had a game plan," she said to get support from the school, rowing families and the community.

"If we win it will make a huge difference," she said. "Currently we row with a fleet of old boats. Most are 10 or more years old."

Nor do they have enough boats. In competitions such as the Henley, they row in a "hot seating" system. After each race the crew has to row back to the starting line, so the next crew can use the boat.

"Our boys just sometimes winners don't get to participate in medal presentations, they're busy returning the boat."

However, Yallup said she

biggest thing about winning the contest is that it will not only help Crossley rowing but also the South Niagara Rowing Club, Centennial, Lakeshore, Port Colborne, Jean Vanier, and Confederation high school rowing.

"This will allow us to continue to help small schools and small programs just getting started," she said. It includes a training facility in Dain City using some Crossley ergs.

"We have no problem with competition, we would like more competition," she said about helping other schools develop teams.

"It's become a rowing community."

She said you can see it in the Aviva page comments under the voting file.

"It's nice to see that support on the pages."

"We don't turn anyone

away," she said about the no cut policy in the Crossley program. It encourages fitness. It can become a way to university through scholarships. It can be a life-long sport as well as help develop a continuing habit of fitness.

"We have a group of eight mothers who wanted to try it out. Our coaches coached them," she said. "Some ended up going on to the masters."

Rowing isn't cheap. An new eight-seat boat will cost \$35,000 to \$40,000 and a four-seat \$22,000. Blades are \$300 each.

Funding is always a challenge for the school and parents, she said. However, the school has a philosophy to keep it from becoming exclusive.

"We refuse to allow it to be an elitist sport at Crossley. It's for anyone and everyone," she said.



WAYNE CAMPBELL, Staff Photo

E.L. Crossley rowers Anna Ionsen and Tyler Moss practise their form on the school's rowing machines between classes. They hope to draw enough community support to win funding for new boats in the Aviva Insurance Community Fund runoff. Contest was to end Wednesday.

It includes special needs students who just started at Crossley. They were given experience in the boats and one is training with the team. Yallup said they want to make them part of the program.

For more information about the program or Aviva contest she can be reached at kinyallup@dsbn.edu.on.ca. wcampbell@weslandtribune.ca



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Giant Tiger U10 Girls relentless

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The Friday night game pitted the Panthers against the hosting St. Catharines Rebels. Pelham played a very strong game and had an equal amount of chances as the Rebel team. The Panthers just couldn't get their shots to fall and the Rebel team made some long distance bombs.

The home team nets seemed to be working for them. That proved to be the difference in the 22-10 loss.

Saturday's games proved to be very entertaining. First, the Panther girls faced the taller/older Welland team. Pelham wasn't intimidated, playing very well on both ends of the floor and were rewarded with the half time lead. The girls clearly had Welland rattled with their suffocating defence. Unfortunately, they couldn't hold onto the lead and fell 20-14. The girls showed their toughness and determination, battling Welland on every possession. They really played a team game.

The afternoon game had them face the Niagara Thunder. Pelham played a very similar game to the morning, but seemed to run out of gas losing 10 to 11. Their defense remained strong, but the offence couldn't get any momentum in the second half.

Sunday's game was another thriller. Pelham started out very strong and got out to a quick 8-4 lead against Port Colborne. Late in the second quarter the lead slipped from their grasp and despite a last minute desperation push they fell 18-14. Nothing to hang their heads about though as Port Colborne ended up being

the tournament winner.

Kaley Demott and Ally Sentence played spectacular basketball all weekend. Both are very similar players using their ball handling skills and court sense to get to the hoop and distribute the ball to open teammates. But more importantly they both played tough/gritty defence. Ally Sentence was awarded "Best Hustling Player" for the tournament. Why to Ally!!!

Elizabeth Scozzafava had her usual solid output shutting down her check repeatedly. Elizabeth's determination created many turnovers and jump balls. Lexia Poitras played a very aggressive game and created turnovers by playing good positional basketball.

Tess Puchalski was at her pesky best. Tess made sure



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Giant Tiger U10 Girls had their first experience in basketball tournament play in St. Catharines.

she clogged the passing lanes and hustled to get open for her teammates. Jordyn Britton used her length and athletic ability to get those rebounds.

The Pelham Girls should be very proud of their accomplishment over the weekend. They have made huge improvements on their defense and rebounding. No team could

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■ HOCKEY: Atom Gators in Thorold

Gators stand firm in clash

KATHY RYAN
For PelhamNEWS

The Pelham AutoPark SuperStore Atom Gators travelled to Thorold for a pair of games.

First up was Thorold No.2 who got on the scoreboard early.

Jeremy Pollard responded for the Gators with the help of Noah Wouthuis. Then Reid Murray slipped one past the Thorold netminder with the assist going to Kayla Egertter.

The second period opened with a power play goal by Nicholas Chambers from Tucker Inglis and Dan Durkin. Murray chalked up his second goal from Robbie Harper and Taylor Montgomery found the back of the net from Harper and Wouthuis.

Chambers finished off the period with his second goal with the help of Ryan Moffat.

Thorold came on strong in the third scoring four goals, but the Gators stood firm.

A hat trick goal by Nicholas

Chambers (from Murray and Wouthuis), was followed by a hat trick goal by Reid Murray (from Chambers). Tucker Inglis capped off the game going coast to coast into the empty net off a pass from Ryan Moffat.

The Gator blueliners, Nicholas Yloddass, Dean Coates, Wouthuis and Moffat and goalie, Tristan Barnhart put in a solid game in the 9-6 victory.

The Gators next met a tough Thorold No.1 team. Thorold was fast off the mark with 2 quick goals before Jeremy Pollard placed an unassisted shot past their goalie.

In the second, Rowan McLellan put in an unassisted goal for the Gators, and Taylor Montgomery beat the netminder with the help of Robbie Harper and Reid Murray in the third.

But the hardworking Gators couldn't contain Thorold's snipers and the game ended in a 9-3 loss.

■ HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY: Shorthanded goal gives Crossley girls a tie



DAVE HANUSCHUK Staff Photo

E.L. Crossley's Maria Gearing, centre, watches Notre Dame goaltender Tori Menard trap the puck in her glove in girls high school hockey Monday at Pelham Arena. Looking on at right is Notre Dame defender Ashley Bruzese. A back-and-forth battle between the familiar foes was settled 6:20 into the final period when Jill Young's shorthanded goal gave Crossley a 2-2 tie and kept the Cyclone undefeated in league play with a 2-0-1 record. Young also opened the scoring for Crossley, while Vanessa Vanderzalm netted both goals for the Fighting Irish. This was the first regular-season game between the two teams this season, but Marissa Leavens and Kathleen Sherwin shared the shutout as Crossley blanked Notre Dame 6-0 for the gold medal at a tournament in Niagara Falls earlier this year.

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■ **TOWN COUNCIL:** Still celebrating Canada's Olympics

Party planned for Torch Run anniversary

PELHAM — The town will celebrate the first anniversary of the Olympic Torch Run coming through the town with an unveiling of a display

of photos and a torch used in the run on Tuesday, Dec. 21. The unveiling is at 2 p.m., said Ward 3 Coun. John Durley, who chaired the torch

run committee.

It will include coffee and snacks.

"It will also give those who haven't seen the new

council chambers a chance to tour the addition," he said at Monday's town council meeting.

On Dec. 21, 2009, the

Olympic flame was passed from torch to torch carried by local runners through Fonthill on its way to the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

Durley said many people submitted excellent photos of the Torch Run, which will be displayed in a trophy case in Town Hall.

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SEALTEST SOUR CREAM
200 g tub
2/\$4

SOFT & DELICIOUS FROSTED SUGAR COOKIES
1/2 PRICE 1.99 18 ct. pk.

OCEAN JEWEL JUMBO SHRIMP
25-30 shrimp per lb.
SAVE 10% 19.99 2 lb. bag

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14-16 shrimp per lb.
SAVE 15% 9.99 6 lb. bag

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NO. GRADE 1 MEXICAN/ARGENTINA/USA BLACKBERRIES, BLUEBERRIES, CRANBERRIES OR POMEGRANATES
2/\$4

No. 1 Grade Ontario YUKON GOLD POTATOES
10 LB. BAG
1.49

NO. 1 GRADE MEXICAN ENGLISH CUCUMBERS
79¢ EA.

NO. 1 GRADE ONTARIO SWEET POTATOES
89¢ LB.

NO. 1 GRADE ONTARIO RUTABAGAS
49¢ LB.

EXTRA FANCY ONTARIO MUTS, GALA, RED DELICIOUS APPLES
99¢ LB.

FROM THE TROPICS GOLD PINEAPPLE
"Sweet, Pine to Eat!"
3.99 EA.

QUICK LOOK: 2011 Volkswagen Eos



Volkswagen photo

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VW uncovers new Eos

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The all-new 2012 Volkswagen Eos hardtop convertible features updated design to bring it in line with the previously introduced Golf and Jetta, but it also boasts numerous new features to make it a must see for people who want style in combination with performance.

And it remains the only hardtop convertible with a built-in sunroof and sunshade. At the push of a button, the top goes up or down in 25 seconds. Wind buffeting is controlled by a wind deflector integrated into the top of the windshield frame. In case of a rollover with the top down, roll hoops integrated into the rear seats automatically deploy.

The new Volkswagen design direction is most noticeable in the lowered grille with each of the three horizontal pieces trimmed with a narrow chrome strip. At the other end, reworked, two-part LED rear lights use fibre optic technology and the rear bumper has a moulded-in diffuser. Fog lights are standard fare.

Power is supplied by the ubiquitous 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine, configured with 16-valves and dual overhead cams to add in producing 200 hp and 207 lb.-ft. of torque. The standard shifter is the direct-shift gearbox (DSG), which allows the driver to shift gears without working the clutch, or less the computer handle the shifting chores. Economy is anticipated at 7.6 L/100km combined.

Inside, all 2012 Eos models

Fact file: 2012 Volkswagen Eos

MSRP: Est. \$45,000
Notable options: none.
Configuration: front engine/ front wheel drive
Available engines: 2.0L turbo/ 8,000 km (basic); 5 years/ 100,000 km (powertrain)
Available transmissions: 5-sp auto with sequential shift
Fuel economy ratings (L/100km): Est. 7.5 combined
Warranties: Exp. 4 years/ 80,000 km (basic); 5 years/ 100,000 km (powertrain)
Competitors: Chevrolet Camaro; Ford Mustang; Mini Cooper; Mitsubishi Eclipse Spyder.

come with standard leather wrapped multifunction steering wheel and shift knob, and feature new "Matte Chrome" trim on the instrument panel and doors, as well as chrome-framed buttons and switches. On higher trim lines, genuine walnut adds elegance to the instrument and door panels, and is accompanied by supple "Vienna" leather upholstery. An automatic climate control adjusts temperature depending on the position of the top.

Keyless entry with push button start is standard, as is satellite radio, HD radio, and MP3/WMA playback. Radio functions are controlled through the touchscreen in the centre of the dash.

The car debuted with little fanfare at the 2010 Los Angeles Auto Show, and is expected in showrooms toward late spring 2012.

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